

## Beit Sefer-led Tu B'Shevat Services

Saturday, February 11, 10 am

You won't want to miss this terrific opportunity to daven with the youth of our community in a special Tu B'Shevat service. From the youngest members of our religious school to those b'nei mitzvah veterans, our students will be sharing their torah with us with a special emphasis on the New Year of the Trees. Sing about trees, eat first fruits and be inspired by our kids to love the earth. Everyone receives an at-home Tu B'Shevat celebration kit including stories, music and planting.

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## CSZ is going to Israel!

**Informational Meeting on Thursday, January 5, 7 pm**

CSZ is planning a congregational trip to Israel from July 30 - August 13, to coincide with World Pride. If you are interested in learning more, please attend this informational meeting with Rabbi Angel, who will provide an itinerary, discuss costs and logistics, and answer any questions you may have. This year in Jerusalem!

## Community Tu B'Shevat Seder at the JCC

Sunday, February 12, 6:30 pm

Celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the New Year For Trees, with a community seder led by Rabbi Yoel Kahn, Director of the JCC's Taube Center for Jewish Life (and former Rabbi of CSZ). A celebration of Jewish environmentalism and spirituality, the seder, a ceremony with fruit, wine, song, teaching and meditation, honors the trees we see in our world and the Tree of Life that upholds all the world. A light kosher meal and symbolic foods will be served. CSZ and JCC Members \$20, Public \$25. Pre-registration required by Monday, February 6. For more information or to

register, call 415-292-1278 or visit [http://maven.jccsf.org/content\\_main.aspx?catid=161](http://maven.jccsf.org/content_main.aspx?catid=161). Co-sponsored by the JCC, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, the Jewish National Fund and other community organizations. JCC, 3200 California Street, San Francisco.



## Anti-Semitism and Internalized Anti-Semitism: Being Jewish in a Christian Culture

As one cannot grow up in this culture and not be influenced by heterosexism, one cannot grow up in this culture and not be affected by the dominant Christian culture. Christianity is the air we breathe, and since it is like air, it is invisible. Unless we expose for ourselves the true nature of this force in our lives, we are unlikely to be aware of how it affects us. Consider how many American Jews felt that the way to survive was to assimilate, changing last names, not wearing identifying clothes, and not speaking of our Jewish identity. Most of have learned to survive in unique ways. We have needed to. It is the same as a child who learns to survive a family by assimilating into the family culture. Often that is by becoming invisible. What also becomes invisible is our own internalization of the dominant Christian culture. Many of us are consciously aware of some ways that we have internalized anti-Semitism, but many of us

are probably not aware of the extent of the pain, and how it affects us in our daily lives. Internalized anti-Semitism makes it hard for Jews to tell how safe or how dangerous a situation really is; we can under-react or overreact. As with any marginalized group, we can turn outer hatred and/or disdain on ourselves.

On **January 22, from 3:00-6:30pm** Terry Fletcher and Jim Frazin of the Progressive Havarah, and Randy Weled, our resident counselor, will be leading us in a workshop that will include the following components: There will be a presentation about the political and historical background of Anti-Semitism followed by a chance for people to talk about how Anti-Semitism and internalized oppression has affected their lives. Most of our discussion will take place in small groups and dyads. We hope this will only be the beginning of an ongoing dialogue, the form of which we will discover together.



# From the Rabbi's Study Pilgrimage! In Jerusalem with WorldPride

Pilgrimage. In ancient times, everyone went, at least once in a lifetime, if not once in a year, for the Pilgrimage Festivals of Sukkot, Pesach and Shavuot. In my Rosh Hashanah message, I asked those gathered to make a vow to visit Israel. Now, I know vows are a serious commitment in Judaism, so I want to do everything I can to help you to fulfill this promise.

On July 30th, 2006, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav will leave on a fifteen day pilgrimage. For the first week, we will travel as a group, joined by other GLBT Jews from around the country for a week of exploring, hiking, eating, swimming, snorkeling, and discovery. We will begin in Tel Aviv and head South, where we will spend time in the resort areas of Eilat and the Dead Sea. We will also have the option of spending a full day in Petra, Jordan. On August 5th, our group will combine with our sibling congregation in New York City, Beth Simchat Torah and spend the next week as one large group exploring Jerusalem, meeting with LGBT activists and celebrating World Pride.

There are several special events already planned for World Pride, including a GLBT Multifaith Conference, an opportunity to meet with LGBT lawyers about gay rights in Israel, a World Pride Beach Party in Tel Aviv and Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner with the Jerusalem Open House. We are planning an excursion into the West Bank with the Rabbis for Human Rights, where we will learn firsthand from Palestinians and Israelis about the political complexities and struggles of recent years.

This year's trip will be one of a kind, in part because of the unusual opportunity to join with congregants from around the country who belong to our sibling congregations. I have been on several conference calls with a half dozen colleagues who are all planning to join us for this experience. I hope you will think most seriously about joining us. We are having an informational meeting, January 5, 7 pm. Please let my assistant, Gabby Volodarsky know if you are interested in receiving the current draft



of our itinerary as well as whatever additional materials will be distributed.

I know that some of you already have tickets for Italy and for Maui. Those are nice vacations. But if

you want to be touched as a Jew, if you want to be changed as a human being, then you have to go to Israel. If being a Jew is part of your personal story, then being in Israel must be part of your experience. If you want to be a voice of legitimacy, you need to see Israel for yourself. Experiencing Israel with LGBT people from around the world as we celebrate our identity is an opportunity we have waited for, prayed for, dreamed of, for 2000 years. I hope you will join me for the experience of a lifetime. In the words of Hillel, "If not now, when?"

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You may reach him at (415) 282-1962  
Or email him at [wolf2weled@yahoo.com](mailto:wolf2weled@yahoo.com)

## The New Women's Chavurah

The Women's Chavurah of CSZ has returned! We had our first planning meeting in September and have had three events – a Sukkot celebration, a “Kissing Jessica Stein” film night and an outing to hear poet Adrienne Rich. We plan on having at least one event each month and upcoming ones include an ice skating night, a visit to the DeYoung Museum, a Tu B'Shevat hike and potluck and Saturday after-service lunches.

The Women's Chavurah welcomes anyone who identifies as a woman, as part of the Jewish community, and lives in the Bay Area. We make it a point to be aware of the different financial means of our members and work hard to include anyone who wants to participate, regardless of her ability to cover the cost of some of our events. We look forward to your participation in our newly restarted Women's Chavurah!

For further information, please contact Abi Weissman at [abiweissman@gmail.com](mailto:abiweissman@gmail.com) or check out our Yahoo! Group, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/womenschavurahatcsz/>

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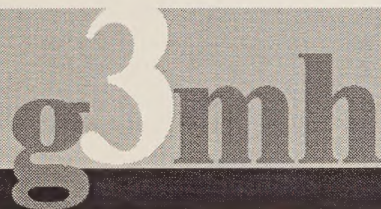
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# Pinat Yeladim Umishpachah

Children and Family Corner



## Baby Chavurah

Dates and times TBD.

Bring those under-twos out to play, sing and commune with like-minded babes and their parents. Join us for potluck brunch, playtime and socializing. This month we meet at the synagogue. Please bring your baby and a vegetarian dish. Older siblings are welcome as are nonmembers. Baby Chavurah meets the second Sunday of each month.

## Tot Shabbat

Saturday, January 28, 10:30 -11:30 am  
Saturday, February 25, 10:30 -11:30 am

Come celebrate Shabbat with your tot. Bring your 2- to 5-year-olds for singing, prayer, storytelling, crafts and Jewish family fun with Sandra Menachem, Early Childhood Education Specialist. Younger siblings and nonmembers are welcome.

## Family Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, January 20, 6:30 pm  
Friday, February 17, 6:30 pm

Meet, eat, sing and celebrate Shabbat with CSZ families and then stay for Friday night services. Families with children of all ages are encouraged to come. Dinner is vegetarian potluck; please bring a dish to share. No RSVP required. Be a part of the *ruach* (spirit) of our community and invite friends and family to join you. Shabbat Shalom!

## Jewish Journeys

"My father was a wandering Aramean ..."  
So the story of our people begins in our annual Passover re-telling. The journey is a central motif both of our sacred text and our historical experiences as Jews, and the theme of the second unit this year in Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer.

In our people's atlas every map is riddled with arrows depicting centuries of wandering. This phenomenon is not just a product of the historical reality of being moved about by forces greater than ourselves, but is a central Jewish experience from God's first command to Abraham to leave home.

Jacob's story teaches us that it's on the journey that we run into God and the Exodus and our subsequent wanderings teach us that it is on the journey that we become a people. The journey, the in-between, the time in the wilderness allows for transformation, for contact with the Eternal, for becoming who we are.

Our students are studying journeys and transformations in Jewish historical experiences and in contemporary community life. They are learning about the formation of the State of Israel and contemporary Israeli life. They are studying the birth of Rabbinic Judaism and the role of post-Holocaust Jews in combating hate behavior in our communities today. As they continue their own Jewish journeys, they are learning about the importance of movement and growth and the challenge of change.

## Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer Welcomes New Teacher

Elisabeth Wakcher joined the staff of Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer this past December in the position of Kadimah Class (6th-8th grade) co-teacher. Elisabeth originally hails from Southern California. She grew up going to Jewish summer camp where she later began her work in Jewish educa-

tion. Elisabeth recently completed her Masters in Teaching at Evergreen College in Washington State. She brings to us a strong background in progressive education plus an array of artistic talents. Elisabeth is a song leader, artist and dancer. She is currently working as a music specialist in a San Francisco private school and as an after school tutor. We are delighted to have her join our teaching staff.

## Celebration of Learning

Saturday, February 4, 11:15 am

Join Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer students as they share their learning from their second unit of the year, Jewish Journeys. This multi-media presentation promises to be a journey in itself.

There is NO BEIT SEFER on  
January 14th for Martin Luther  
King Weekend and February 18th  
for President's Weekend.

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## Two Exciting New Study Groups Forming

### Queer Responsa Group

First meeting January 12, 7:00-9:00 pm

Developed as a strategy to answer challenging questions in the middle ages, Responsa has been the traditional process of forming new legal principles and applying Jewish law to the challenges of modern life. Each movement of Judaism has a law committee and a procedure for answering questions ranging from "Can queers get married?" to "What surgeries should be performed on intersex babies?" Be a part of envisioning what queer Responsa would look like — join the CSZ Queer Responsa Group, the first of its kind. Not for legal scholars only! We need people with a range of knowledge and backgrounds (including but not limited to secular or Talmudic law), who are who are good at asking tough questions, and who are good writers. We will meet on the second Thursday of the month. Note: there will be some quick reading to prepare for the first meeting. For further information, please contact Max Strassfeld at maxblue@gmail.com.

### Queer Talmud Study Group

First Meeting, Saturday, February 18, 1:00-4:00 pm

CSZ members have engaged in traditional Talmud study with Rabbi Benay Lappe, Ruth Haber and other guest teachers. Now we can keep that learning going on a regular basis with our new monthly Shabbat afternoon Talmud learning and discussion group. We will be studying texts in the original Hebrew/Aramaic — if you don't have extensive Hebrew background, do not be intimidated — if you know the Hebrew aleph bet you can participate. We will study the texts in chevruta (pairs) and then unpack them together.

The texts will be from tractate Ta'anit; if you have the tractate feel free to bring your own, otherwise copies will be provided. If you have a Jastrow or Frank dictionary, please bring it to class. A basic understanding of what Talmud is will be helpful, though there will be hint sheets and dictionaries for beginners. The discussion will be facilitated by CSZ member, Max Strassfeld.

For further information, please contact Max at maxblue@gmail.com.

## Havdalah Potluck and Education Series Continues

Observe the end of Shabbat with a communal havdalah service and a meal (bring a veggie dish to share), followed by a lively exploration of Jewish topics.

### When a Name Becomes a Life:

**The Tales of Serakh, the Daughter of Asher**

Discussion led by Andrew Ramer

Saturday, January 14, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

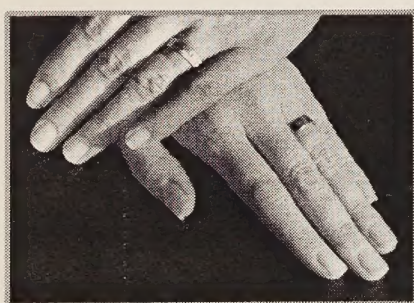
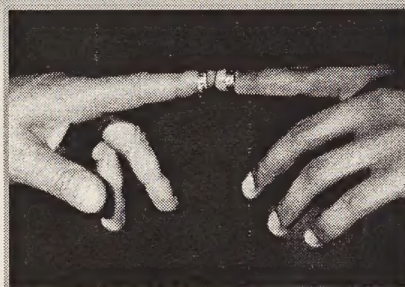
Mentioned only three times in the Bible, Seraky has become the focus of legends across the Jewish world. Her story told by ancient rabbis and modern feminists, Serakh is the original 2000-year-old Jewish woman. We will explore the life of Serakh through primary and secondary texts, empowering ourselves by filling in missing stories in the torah with legends from our own lives.

### Jewish Poetry

Saturday, February 11, 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Three poets, Dan Bellm, Neeli Cherkovski and Jeffrey Lilly, will read from their work. Dan and Neeli have authored numerous books of poetry. Dan presently teaches Writing and Midrash at the SFJCC. Neeli is writer in residence at New College of California where he teaches literature and philosophy. Jeffrey's poetry appears on both a cassette and CD entitled "Promised Land Poems." It is accompanied by the music of H.C. Reumschuessel. The authors' work will be available for sale following the reading.

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*Rabbi Camille  
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## Birthdays

### January

2 Gil'i Zaid  
 2 Shelli Rawlings-Fein  
 5 Desmond Bernstein  
 6 Nathan Robinson  
 6 Jodi Bando  
 8 Danya Rubenstein-Markiewicz  
 8 Edwin Jones  
 9 Amalia Cymrot-Wu  
 9 Marius Greenspan  
 9 Stefan Lynch  
 9 Harold Zable  
 10 Bernard Schertzer  
 10 Ophir Klein  
 12 Tiela Chalmers  
 12 Patricia Caplan



12 Florence Nacamulli  
 13 Alapai Michels  
 14 Louisa Stone  
 14 Sophie Hogan-Cytron  
 16 Deena Lahn  
 17 Gabriel Meyer Edlin  
 18 Sarah Adler  
 18 Michael Shiloh  
 20 Eileen Lynette  
 20 Robert Bernardo  
 20 Ruby Cymrot-Wu  
 21 Harold Lahn-Schroeder  
 21 Jim Acerra  
 22 Laureen Kim  
 24 Kevin Johnson  
 24 Jonathan Williamson  
 24 Malik Bernstein  
 27 Elliot Klein  
 27 Howard Hahn  
 27 Mike Klayman  
 30 Ruth Schoenbach  
 31 Nora Downs  
 29 David Rosenzweig

### February

1 Joan Goldman  
 3 Paula Fleisher  
 4 Marc Breindel  
 4 Denise Gordon  
 5 Steve Weitz  
 5 Patricia Byers  
 5 Naftali Bojdak-Yates  
 5 Sybil Meyer  
 5 Ami Zusman

6 Parker Windesheim-Zigas  
 6 Andy Fyne  
 7 Ida Kuluk  
 8 Susan Belau  
 9 Mark Freeman  
 10 Ruth Miguel  
 10 Edward Reynolds  
 10 Elias Ross-Trupin  
 11 Marion Williamson  
 11 Emma Abinanti-Sena  
 12 Joan Lefkowitz  
 12 Itai Bojdak-Yates  
 13 Dafna Wu  
 13 Avi Goldberg  
 13 Leva Choden  
 14 Susan Unger  
 14 Beth Ross  
 14 Irene Ogus  
 14 Avraham Giannini  
 14 Lisa DiGirolamo  
 14 Jessie Austin  
 18 Lauren Augusta  
 18 Nancy Muller  
 19 Steven Mazer  
 20 Harrison Weinberg  
 20 James Edlin  
 20 Hilary Zaid  
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### January

14 Amy Cunninghis and  
 Karen Golinski  
 15 Barbara Becker and  
 Ellen Press  
 16 Ida Kuluk and Susan Spott  
 16 Barry Schmell and Joe Costa  
 17 Nancy Igdaloff and Monica Levin  
 23 Stephen and Trudi Hauptman

### February

14 Joan Lefkowitz and Stacey Shuster  
 18 Jim Acerra and Tony Enriquez





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### October 7/8

Bimah flowers generously sponsored by **Debbie Levy** in honor Yonah and Josh Levy, and everyone at Sha'ar Zahav who has been a part of their education.

Oneg generously sponsored by **Fox Frohlich** in honor of Raena Frohlich.

### October 14/15

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**Barbara Braasch and Sharon Snyder** on the occasion of their Wedding!

**Benjamin Bernard-Herman** on becoming Bar Mitzvah.

**Felicia Park-Rogers** on being hired as Congregation Beth Chayim Chadashim's Executive Director.

**Avi Goldberg and Will Garcia** on the birth of their son, Boaz Isaiah Garcia-Goldberg.

**Ilana Drummond and Sharon Dulberg** on the birth of their son, Micha G. Drummond-Dulberg.

First-time uncle **Gary Winter**, on the birth of his nephew **Edan Lior Winter**. Gary's older brother **Jerry** and Jerry's wife **Desi** are the proud parents.

**Nina Wouk and Jessie Ap'neva** on the occasion of their wedding.

**Allison Schaffer** on becoming Bat Mitzvah.

**Kimberly and Jared Boigon** on the occasion of their Aufruf.

**Gabe Press-Becker and Mara Shuster-Lefkowitz** for appearing in "Really Rosie" at the New Conservatory Theater Company.

**Rob Tat** on his exhibition "The San Francisco Show: The City in Original Vintage Photographs, 1885-1960."

## Condolences

**Kelly Cytron**, on the loss of her friend, Susan Dale.

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**Dev Felder Noily**, on the loss of her grandmother, Shoshana Noily.

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**Elizabeth Katz**, on the loss of her mother, Dorothy Katz.

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**Sharyn Saslafsky**, on the loss of her friend Yvonne Macias and the loss of her uncle, Irving Silverman.

**Michael Schaffer**, on the loss of his friend, Alice Dazols.

**The Schaffer family**, on the loss of their friend, David Wadbrook.

**Susan Schwartz**, on the loss of her family friend, Joel Helfenein.

**Jackie Wong**, on the loss of her aunt, Virginia Huey.

## Yahrzeits

### January

9	Jerome Davis
17	Phyllis Mintzer
18	Keith Fenton
20	George Ash

### February

1	Steven Richter
2	Stephen Walters
4	John Atteridge
6	Ronald Wilmot
6	Cheryl Orvis
13	Eli Weinstein
14	Barbara Rosenblum
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The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the most recent people to join our family:

### Rebecca Doctors and Jamie Botelho

Kate Joshua      Nicole Matcha  
Ben Lunine      Alan Shore  
Bart Narter      Mark Pressler  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <i>Tevet 1</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
New Year's Day 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	New Year's Day Holiday Office closed 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	4 pm Beit Sefer 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 7 pm Israel Informational Meeting	6:30 pm Shabbat Potluck Dinner 8:15 pm Shabbat Services led by Daniel Chesir	9:30 am Beit Sefer 10 am Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel, Tifla Chalmers, Ron Lezell
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 7 pm Keshet Committee	Tzom Teveth 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	4 pm Beit Sefer 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 7 pm Queer Response Group	7:30 pm Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Angel and Harry Weinberg	No Beit Sefer 10 am Shabbat Services led by Alan Gordon, Andrea Guerra, Raena Frohlich 7 pm Havdalah potluck/discussion series
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Office closed 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 7 pm SFOP	4 pm Beit Sefer 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 6:30 pm Va'ad Meeting	6:30 pm Family Shabbat Dinner 7:30 pm Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel and Kabbalat Shabbat Ensemble 7:30 pm Welcoming Carla Gomez into the Covenant *	9:30 am Beit Sefer 10 am Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	4 pm Beit Sefer 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	7:30 pm Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel, Natalie Zeituny, Jonathan Funk 7:30 pm Welcoming Susan Belau into the Covenant	9:30 am Beit Sefer 10 am Shabbat Services led by Marc Lipshutz, Benjamin Rainero-deHaan 10:30 am Tot Shabbat
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <i>Shevat 1</i>	<b>31</b>				
6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service			* 7:30 pm Naming for Nathan Sy Fredo Feinland	







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <i>Shevat 3</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
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<b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>4 pm</b> Beit Sefer <b>5 pm</b> Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer <b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>6:30 pm</b> Shabbat Potluck Dinner and 5-year Membership Celebration <b>8:15 pm</b> Shabbat Services led by Harry Weinberg	<b>9:30 am</b> Beit Sefer <b>10 am</b> Shabbat Services led by Ora Prochovnich <b>11:15 am</b> Celebration of Learning Jewish Journeys <b>12 pm</b> Madrachim meeting
<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Tu B'Shevat begins</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service <b>6:30 pm</b> Community Tu B'shevat service at the JCC	<b>Tu B'Shevat</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service <b>7 pm</b> Keshet Committee	<b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>4 pm</b> Beit Sefer <b>5 pm</b> Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer <b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service <b>6:30 pm</b> Va'ad Meeting	<b>6:30 pm</b> Family Shabbat Dinner <b>7:30 pm</b> Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel and Kabbalat Shabbat Ensemble <b>7:30 pm</b> Naming for Boaz Isaiah Garcia-Goldberg	<b>No Beit Sefer</b> <b>10 am</b> Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel Desmond Bernstein Bar Mitzvah <b>1 pm</b> Queer Talmud Study Group
<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>President's Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service <b>7 pm</b> SFOP	<b>4 pm</b> Beit Sefer <b>5 pm</b> Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer <b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>7:30 pm</b> Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel	<b>9:30 am</b> Beit Sefer <b>10 am</b> Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel Raena Frolich Bat Mitzvah <b>10:30 am</b> Tot Shabbat
<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		
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